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THE FIRST BIG CLASH

The Franco-German Engagement Along Twenty Miles of Frontier.

PIERCE FIGHTING MARKS FIRST REAL FRANCO-GERMAN BATTLE OF THE WAR—A HUNDRED THOUSAND RUSSIANS PREPARE TO MEET GERMANS. VARIOUS REPORTS OF HAPPENINGS AMONG BELLIGERENTS AT SEA. THOUGHT THAT BRITISH SLOOP WAS SUNK BY GERMAN CRUISER IN PACIFIC WATERS.

Paris, Aug. 11.—6 P. M.—The French and German armies are engaged for a distance of 20 miles along the frontier this afternoon. The engagement was marked by fierce fighting at Longwy, Languyon, Marville, France and at Virton, Belgium.

Stockholm, Aug. 11.—P. M.—A Russian army of one hundred thousand is concentrating around the Gulf of Finland to meet German attacks at Helsingfors.

Fighting Around Liege.

Brussels, Aug. 11.—Fighting has been renewed at Liege. The Germans are bombarding the forts.

Japs to Declare War.

Tokio, Aug. 11.—It is rumored today that Japan will declare war on Germany within the next 24 hours. The emperor is expected to arrive here early tomorrow.

Bulgaria is Neutral.

Sofia, Aug. 11.—The premier today officially announced that "Bulgaria will observe strict neutrality, but will take measures to repulse any attack on her territory." The pronouncement was wildly cheered.

French Win Small Battle.

Paris, Aug. 11.—The French have defeated the Germans in a battle at Spincourt, Department of House.

Germans Take Belgian Town.

Maestricht, Netherlands, Aug. 11.—Germans today captured the Belgian town of Tongres, between Liege and Hasselt.

Italy Demands Explanation.

Rome—Italy today demanded from Austria an explanation of the bombardment of Italian business houses at the Montenegrin port of Antivari.

Germans Lose 32,000.

Brussels, Aug. 1.—The German losses around Liege are today estimated at nearly 32,000, 2,000 killed, 20,000 wounded, 10,000 captured.

German Rifles Found in Antwerp.

Antwerp, Aug. 11.—Three thousand German rifles were found today hidden in an ancient church here. It is believed they were smuggled in by German residents.

Battle in Bosnia.

Paris, Aug. 11.—Serbian troops, led by Prince Alexander, are fiercely battling in the streets of Visegrad, Bosnia today, for the possession of the city.

Japan and Italy Coming In.

London, Aug. 11.—Latest developments at Tokio and Rome indicate the belief in diplomatic circles that both Japan and Italy will soon be involved in the European war. It is stated that Japan has not officially declared neutrality.

Troops From Canada.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—Following the announcement that the harbors of Montreal, Quebec and Halifax have been mined, the Allan liners Albatross, Victorian and Corsican were commandeered today by government for the transportation of troops and supplies.

Belgians Hold Forts.

London, Aug. 11.—The Belgian legation admitted today that a small force of Germans have occupied the city of Liege, but declared that the forts are still intact and held by strong Belgian garrisons.

Flour a Dollar Up.

Minneapolis, August 11.—Flour has advanced a dollar a barrel.

Meat Goes Higher.

Chicago, August 11.—Meat has risen two to six cents a pound. Other commodities have advanced accordingly in price in the last few days.

Germans Invade Finland.

Copenhagen, August 11.—The commander of the Fortress of Sveaborg, Finland, warned people of Helsingfors today to leave. Forty thousand

WAR SITUATION REVEALED.

EXPERTS HOLD GERMAN INFANTRY FORMATION IS OBSOLETE AND INEFFECTIVE.

No Great Battle to Date—Military Men Regard All Estimates of Belligerents as Greatly Exaggerated.

London, Aug. 11.—1.20 A. M.—No great battle has yet been fought on land or sea in the war of seven nations unless the German assaults upon the fortresses at Liege eventually assume the proportions of battle in history. Both combatants claim victory there, with the Belgians still holding the forts and the Germans occupying the city.

The situation is unique. There is no confirmation of the Daily Mail's report that the French have engaged the Germans and cut off their retreat, inflicting a loss of 8,000 men. The Belgians claim that they have taken 8,000 prisoners on Belgian soil, but military men regard all the estimates of the belligerents as great exaggerations.

Apart from Liege the fighting of the first week when resolved to the proper perspective eventually, doubtless will be considered insignificant.

One of the most important developments in the eyes of experts is the general testimony that the German infantry formation is obsolete and ineffective against the weapons of today, and means an enormous slaughter if retained.

France and Austria finally are officially at war, the ambassadors having left the respective capitals. The French Government broke off diplomatic relations with Austria on the grounds that Austrian troops were reinforcing the Germans.

Austria appears to have abandoned the advance on Serbia for a time, and apparently is co-operating with Germany in the supposed strategy of attempting to crush France before Russia can mobilize.

Financial conditions in England are returning to normal. Although there is a great disorder in many trades the prices of foodstuffs have risen only slightly.

SPARTANBURG BLEASEITES DROP RICHARDS.

County Leaders of Faction Suspect He Was Really Anti-Bleese in 1912.

Spartanburg, Aug. 10.—Spartanburg county Bleeseites have decided to drop Railroad Commissioner John G. Richards as their choice for governor, according to local leaders of the faction. Without permitting their names to be used influential Bleeseites here said today that the rank and file of the governor's supporters would not vote for Mr. Richards because of the suspicion that he was against Gov. Bleese two years ago.

At a largely attended pro-Bleese rally Saturday night Mr. Richards was called upon to tell how he had voted two years ago. He refused, saying it was a matter of sacred honor with him not to tell how he voted. Mr. Richards was then ridiculed, since he had announced how he intended to vote this year.

The kaleidoscopic change in the political situation as a result of Saturday night's developments has caused much talk.

W. C. Irby, Jr., Charles Carroll Simms and John Adger Mullally, the other Bleese candidates, were actively campaigning here today for the votes Mr. Richards is said to have lost.

CLEMSON HOME-COMING WEEK.

Special Train From Charleston to Carry Many Alumni.

All former Clemson men who expect to attend the re-union of Clemson students at the college from August 27th to 31st are urged to get in touch at once with the transportation committee of the Charleston Chapter of the Alumni Association.

This chapter hopes to operate a special train from Charleston to Clemson on the morning of the 27th but in order to do so they must guarantee 75 men to start from Charleston and 25 must join the train between Charleston and Columbia. It is therefore urgent that all who expect to attend from Sumter and vicinity notify Mr. J. T. Hiers, chairman transportation committee, 132 East Bay Street, Charleston.

The authorities at Clemson are making great plans to insure the boys a good time, and every loyal Clemson should be on hand. Already one 1,000 former students from all parts of the country have written that they expect to attend, and more acceptances are coming in every day.

CHANGES IN MEXICO.

ENTRANCE AND POSSESSION BY CARRANZISTAS DONE IN PEACEFUL MANNER.

Federals Left City as Victors Entered and Camped on a Neighboring Hill While Leaders Made Terms—Recognition of New Government Question Before United States.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The peaceful transfer of the Mexico City government from the Carralaj administration to the constitutionalists actually began today, according to advice to the State department from Consul Silliman, now en route to the capital with Gen. Carranza. The consul said the federal troops evacuated the capital, leaving the city in charge of municipal police, who, by agreement, were to be regarded as neutral. The federals withdrew to a nearby point, there to await an announcement of amnesty from Gen. Carranza. Should a guaranty be refused, officials here do not doubt that an immediate counter revolution will be set in motion.

The Brazilian minister to Mexico, who is caring for American interests, Gov. Iturbide of the Mexican federal district and a commission of others left today for Tula north of Mexico City, where Gen. Obregon, commander of one of the three big constitutionalist army divisions has headquarters. Gen. Carranza is expected to go there immediately. The commission is endeavoring to arrange details of the constitutionalist entry. No definite word has been received here up to late today as to Provisional President Carralaj, but it was understood he would leave the capital for Vera Cruz within 24 hours.

With the constitutionalists' entry into Mexico City, the question of recognition for the new government will confront Washington. There is every reason to believe it will be withheld until there is an election or political convention at which there is some expression of the attitude of the people toward the new government. Disquieting advices again are coming from reliable sources that Gen. Villa will not obey Carranza's orders to march south but will remain in the north and demand a convention of representatives of the army as agreed to in the Torreon conference. Should Carranza refuse this, a new revolution in the north would not surprise many high officials here.

Secretary Bryan's attention was drawn by the Japanese ambassador today to a report that the honorary Japanese vice consul at Manzanillo, a Mexican, had been arrested by the constitutionalists. Secretary Bryan sent a message of inquiry to American Consul Silliman.

In the same message was an instruction to secure the safety of the 200 Japanese in the City of Mexico when the constitutionalists occupy the city.

HEARINGS ON RAILWAY PAY.

Plans for Arbitration of Western Workers' Demands Advance Rapidly.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Plans for the arbitration of wage demands of the engine crews of western railroads today had progressed to the point where the opinion was expressed that hearings would begin within two weeks. The general manager's committee has not announced its representatives.

The men have named F. A. Burgess, assistant chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Timothy Shea, assistant vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

Both sides will be represented by counsel at the hearings.

WOMEN ROUTE UHLANS.

Meet Them With Bullets and Hot Water.

Paris, Aug. 11.—According to a special newspaper dispatch the women workers in the Belgian national arms factory at Herstal, just outside Liege, defended their village against the German attack. The men were away serving in the army. The women, according to the correspondent, armed themselves and repulsed several charges of the German Uhlans. When their ammunition was exhausted the women barricaded themselves in the houses, from which they poured boiling water on the German soldiers in the streets. The correspondent says 2,000 Germans were disabled by wounds or scalps.

Children and old men shared in the defense of Herstal, and on Friday the Belgian colors still floated from the factory building.

GERMANS ON THE MARCH.

Half Million Troops Invading Belgium, Although Liege Has Not Yet Fallen

GERMANY DEMANDS THAT UNITED STATES REMOVE CENSORSHIP OVER MESSAGES FROM GERMAN WIRELESS STATION ON LONG ISLAND—BRITISH CONSULATE REPORTS ATLANTIC OCEAN FREE OF HOSTILE VESSELS AS FAR SOUTH AS TRINIDAD—SWITZERLAND WANTS NATIONS TO PRESERVE HER NEUTRALITY AND OFFERS COUNTRY TO RED CROSS ASSOCIATION.

Battle in Belgium.

Paris, Aug. 12.—The French and Belgian armies are engaged in battle with the Germans invading Belgium today. The French attacked the invaders in the vicinity of Givet, department of Ardennes. The Germans gave way, the French army pursuing. The Belgians and Germans are fighting at Tillet, the Belgians energetically resisting the German attack.

Liege Forts Hold Out.

Paris, Aug. 12.—The foreign minister this afternoon declared that rumors of the fall of the Liege forts circulated in Germany and the United States are absolutely false. Only a small group of German troops entered Liege. All the Belgian forts are holding out.

Germans Invade Belgium.

Brussels, Aug. 12.—The official gazette today admitted that the German armies are advancing in force into the interior of Belgium.

Believe Kaiser Mad.

Melbourne, Aug. 12.—Many Germans in Australia are applying for naturalization papers. They declare that Germany has made a sad blunder and believe that the Kaiser must be mad.

Suspension of Shipping in North Sea.

London, Aug. 12.—The Daily Mail has received a dispatch from Copenhagen which says that the German torpedo boat reported sunk by an explosion was blown up by a mine laid by a German warship. Mines in the North sea have caused a suspension of Danish and Swedish shipping.

SWITZERLAND FOR PEACE.

Offers Country to Red Cross, if Its Neutrality is Observed.

Switzerland, Aug. 12.—The Swiss government has offered to turn the entire country over to the Red Cross Association for the care of the wounded of all nations, if her neutrality is respected.

BRUSSELS AND LIEGE CUT OFF.

German Army Marches on Belgian Capital—Aeroplane Wrecked and Officers Captured.

Brussels, Aug. 12.—The German army has crossed Meuse river and moved west, cutting off communication between Brussels and Liege. It is pressing steadily toward Brussels. Soldiers have arrived already in the vicinity of Landen. The Belgians are blowing up all bridges to halt the German advance.

A German aeroplane flying over Namur was wrecked by sharpshooters. Two German officers were captured.

TO REPAY DAMAGES TO ITALY.

Austria Grants Demand of Italy for Reparation.

Rome, Aug. 12.—Austria has granted Italy's demand for reparation for the destruction of the Italian interests in the bombardment of Antivari, Montenegro.

Belgians Still Hold Forts.

Brussels, Aug. 12.—It was officially announced today that the forts at Liege were still intact.

British Cruiser on Guard.

New York, August 12.—The British cruiser Suffolk was reported near New York harbor from ten last night until four o'clock this morning, then steaming southward.

British Tramps Sail.

Savannah, August 12.—Four British tramp steamers, which have been here since war started, sailed this morning for English ports, laden with naval stores and cotton. They are all modern high-speed freighters. A British cruiser is reported waiting off Tybee to convoy them.

Cossacks Defeat Austrians.

Rome, Aug. 12.—A dispatch from

Trieste today states that two entire brigades of Austrian cavalry were destroyed, after invading Russia, near Rietgeral, by Cossacks.

Germans Besiege Namour.

Brussels, August 12.—Two corps of Germans, numbered eighty thousand, are reported to be invested at Namour, a strongly fortified Belgian city.

German After Great Loss.

Rome, August 12.—A dispatch from Rome says the Germans suffered serious losses attempting to retake Namur from the French. Two German divisions were annihilated and many officers killed.

Oil Steamer Escapes Capture.

Old Point Comfort, Va., August 12.—The Standard Oil steamer Vulcan, flying the German flag, put in here to escape capture.

Bread Riots in Berlin.

Copenhagen, August 12.—Food riots are reported to have broken out in Berlin because of the enormous advance in the price of all provisions.

Bullying Uncle Sam.

Washington, August 12.—The German Counsellor, Herr VonHause, today demanded that the United States cease its censorship over German wireless diplomatic dispatches.

Roumania Against Serbia.

London, August 12.—It is reported that Roumania will aid Austria and is preparing to invade Serbia.

GERMANS ADVANCE ON NAMOUR.

Report Says Attempt Has Been Made to Assassinate Crown Prince.

London, Aug. 12.—A Central News dispatch states that from four hundred to six hundred thousand Germans are advancing on Namour, Belgium.

A Rotterdam dispatch states that an attempt has been made to assassinate Crown Prince Frederick William at Aix la Chapelle.

Montenegrins Capture Scutari.

Rome, Aug. 12.—It is reported that the Montenegrins have captured Scutari.

French Cavalry Defeat Germans.

Paris, Aug. 12.—German cavalry which had reached a point near Tonneras, Belgium, was hurled back by French cavalry today.

NORWEGIAN VESSEL STOPPED.

Two Foreign Cruisers Operating Close to American Coast.

New York, Aug. 12.—It was learned today that two foreign cruisers are operating close to the American coast. The Norwegian tank steamer Mohr reports that it was halted off Nantucket last night with a shot across its bows from the warship. Proving its name and nationality the Mohr was allowed to proceed. It was again halted by another cruiser off Nantucket by the same procedure.

Cruiser Chases Steamer.

Savannah, Aug. 12.—A British cruiser chased the German steamer Heulva today until she ran in under the guns of Fort Screven. The boats were not three miles from hundreds of bathers at Tybee.

Battle in Serbia.

Nish, Aug. 12.—The Serbians announce that a heavy battle is raging between Austrians and allied Montenegrins and Serbians at Visegrad.

Terrific Artillery Battle.

Rotterdam, Aug. 12.—A terrific artillery battle between Germans and Belgians has been in progress around Liege all day. The huge guns shook the ground for miles like an earthquake.

Washington, August 12.—The dissolution of the International Harvester Company was ordered by the Federal Circuit Court today.